

House Resolution No. 1726

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Whitney O'Daniel, Missouri Representative for the National Rifle Association; and

Whereas, the most precious and valuable asset of our state and nation is our children, and we must dedicate ourselves, our energy, and our resources to the nurturing and protection of these most vulnerable individuals; and

Whereas, teaching children to act safely around firearms is a critical effort to reduce the number of firearm-related accidents involving children; and

Whereas, committed to keeping children safe from guns, the National Rifle Association created the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program, designed to teach the fundamentals of firearm safety to children in an effective and enjoyable way, communicating to them the lifesaving message offered by the Program: "If you see a gun: STOP! Don't Touch. Leave the Area. Tell an Adult"; and

Whereas, the nationally-recognized Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program has been used by more than 26,000 public and private schools, law enforcement agencies, and civic organizations, and has reached 21 million children since 1988; and

Whereas, the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program has been endorsed or recommended by numerous groups, such as the National Sheriffs' Association, the United States Department of Justice, the Association of American Educators, as well as twenty-three state legislatures and twenty-six state governors:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, applaud Whitney O'Daniel and the National Rifle Association's "Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program" on the occasion of the Association's twentieth anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Whitney O'Daniel.

Offered by _____
Representative Robert F. Onder, M.D.
District No. 13

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1726, adopted April 9, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker